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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN POLITICAL CRISIS

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1. WE HAVE SCRUPULOUSLY FOLLOWED SUGGESTION PARA 3 REFTEL SINCE NEWS OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN PHNOM PENH FIRST BROKE. MISSION PERSONNEL HAVE STUDIOUSLY AVOIDED ANY COMMENT ON SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH AND SPECULATION OVER ITS CAUSES AND WHAT EVENTUALLY MIGHT RESULT.

2. AMONG LAO OFFICIALS, WHO ARE GENERALLY PLEASED WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN CAMBODIA, SOME ARE ASSUMING THAT THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE ENGINEERED BY U.S. AGENCIES. FOR EXAMPLE, YESTERDAY (MARCH 18)

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3. EMBOFF REPLIED AS CONVINCINGLY AS HE COULD THAT USG AGENCIES ARE FREQUENTLY ATTRIBUTED MUCH GREATER INFLUENCE THAN THEY HAVE ON EVENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. FROM REPORTING WE HAD SEEN ON THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA, THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT IT HAD OTHER THAN DOMESTIC ORIGINS.

4. PRESUMABLY SUCH SPECULATION AS THE LAO ARE MAKING IS NOT UNIQUE AND PROBABLY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, HAVE MADE THE SAME DEDUCTION. GP-3.
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